

MARKETS OF THE WEEK

LATEST REPORTS FROM TRADE CENTERS.

Outlook for Grain as Given by Competent Observers—Effects of Current Events on Business.

Special to the Reflector.

CHICAGO, July 8. — The market outlook as furnished by McLain Bros. & Co., commission merchants, Rialto building, this city, for the week ending today is as follows:

Business during the past week has been of a holiday character and moderate in volume. The railway share market shows a halting tendency, due to the pressure of realizing sales, the fear of rate wars between several of the great grain carrying roads, and the possibilities attending the miners' strike. The recent upward movement has been fostered by continuous favorable crop reports more than by any material increase in present earnings, and as several great systems have, in order to secure a paying business, been tempted to cut rates on corn from western points, the tendency has been to check the advance.

Something more than abundant crops is necessary to assure regular dividends, for with an inadequate demand a large surplus inevitably depresses prices to a point low enough to prevent more than a moderate movement from first hands. Under such conditions the cutting of rates is probable and the paying of remunerative dividends becomes impossible. Without such dividends present quotations for stocks and bonds cannot be maintained. The general freight agent of a western trunk line gave the key to the situation in a recent interview in saying: "What we need is higher prices for corn and oats—not larger crops."

The anticipated outward movement of gold has not yet begun, and eastern advices indicate that it is likely to be indefinitely deferred. Money in the banks is obtainable at low rates on acceptable security, and bank earnings have become so meager that several prominent Chicago institutions have recently passed their dividends.

In wheat the course of the July future for several days caused some apprehensions of a corner, but as the market was not supported on the hard spots, and was permitted to decline sharply whenever offerings became fairly liberal, operators soon lost interest in the deal and turned their attention to the deferred futures. There is doubtless a liberal short interest in September, with nothing in the situation at present to disturb it, and the market in consequence rules dull and featureless.

Crop advices continue favorable and threshing returns warrant a raising of previous estimates. The last Thomson report places the condition of winter wheat at 81.5, indicating an approximate yield of 330,000,000 bu, and of spring wheat at 91.5, indicating an output of 229,000,000 bu, or a total prospective yield of 559,000,000 bu.

Winter wheat millers have again reduced flour prices and jobbers seem inclined to reduce stocks to the minimum in anticipation of lower prices and an improvement in quality in the new wheat stock. Harvest is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily and new wheat will soon be in abundant supply, the movement to market having already begun in fair volume.

Foreign advices are somewhat conflicting in regard to the Danubian prospects, but the tone of their markets does not indicate anything serious in that direction. The weather in France continues favorable, and the prospects in Germany are reported as the most promising in twenty years. The world's stocks are low, and as America's crop promises to be of excellent quality a satisfactory demand for a large share of its surplus is anticipated.

As the present prices for futures are based on the promise of an almost perfect spring wheat crop any change in the situation at the northwest would be the signal for an advance. Any further material decline would make wheat so low that almost anything of a stimulating nature would bring a sharp reaction.

Corn is again attracting more attention, and at times the interest manifested is greater than in wheat. The unsettled condition of freight rates tends to depress prices, but the fear of crop damage in consequence of hot weather and the want of moisture in some sections is sufficient to incite an improved speculative demand, which frequently causes considerable activity. The volume of speculative trade is much larger than the frequency of price changes would suggest. Receipts for the season of the year are only moderate, and as prices are too low to permit the profitable marketing of a large amount of corn in crib, the cutting of railway rates seems to be the only way of increasing the movement. Exports are still liberal, despite the unfavorable weather which renders some of the corn arriving at the seaboard unfit for shipment abroad.

Oats rule dull and featureless, the supply being constantly in excess of the demand. Shippers report that eastern points seem to be filled up.

Hog product holds firm when the heavy receipts of hogs are considered, the market being evidently controlled by interested operators.

The visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada shows the following changes for the week: Wheat decreased 1,211,000 bu, corn decreased 116,000 bu and oats decreased 817,000 bu.

Today's Stock Market.

Special to the Reflector.

KANSAS CITY, July 7, 10 a. m.—The stock market for today reported by the Charles Dixon Commission company is as follows:

Cattle, receipts 6000; steady. Hogs, receipts 10,000; top \$3.37½, bulk \$3.32½ to \$3.27½; lower.

CHICAGO REPORT. Cattle, receipts 15,000; steady to 10 lower. Hogs, receipts 27,000; strong, active.

WILL TRY TO REFORM.

Joseph Titus Is Sent to the Reform School.

The first of the Morgan band of harness thieves to be tried was Joseph Titus, the 14 year old boy who says he acted as servant, holding the horses for Morgan. He convicted himself as an accomplice and Judge Quinn sent him to the reform school to see if it will not improve his character.

The status of the cases of the four people arrested as members of the gang is:

Robt. Morgan, in jail, bound over for burglary and larceny in taking bedding, etc., from the house at Coffenbergers. Preliminary in the Aspley case, stealing harness, next week.

Mrs. Rathbone, bound over for trial as an accomplice.

Joseph Titus, found guilty of larceny, to go to the reform school.

Robert Mitchell, waived examination in Coffenbergers case, bound over. Preliminary in Aspley case next week.

Efforts are being made to secure appeal bond for Titus and bond for Mrs. Rathbone.

IS HANDSOMER NOW.

Trinity Lutheran Church Resplendent in New Paper.

The work that has been done on the Lutheran church has greatly improved that edifice. New paper has been placed on the walls tasteful in design and color, the seats and carpet cleaned, the furniture improved and everything put in tiptop shape. The Ladies' Aid society, of course, pays the bill. That is what aid societies are for. The ladies just delight in selling fancy work and lunches in order to do these things. It is not for the aid societies some of the churches would close up and it would be a long time between improvements on all of them.

COVER EAST AND WEST.

Thos. Abbe and Homer Ellison Form a Partnership.

The removal of Thomas Abbe to the east has not interfered with his interest in Abilene and Kansas affairs. He will open an office in Hartford and work in connection with H. E. Ellison in handling western investments. His wide acquaintance with capitalists of New England will enable the firm to do well. Mr. Ellison will look after the western end. They will probably take entire charge of an Iowa mortgage company's Kansas business.

Clinton Livingston Dead.

At 10:20 last evening of kidney trouble Clinton Livingston, son of G. F. Livingston and brother of A. W. Livingston of this city, died at his home in Lincoln township. He leaves a wife and four children and his decease will be sincerely mourned by a wide circle of friends.

Albert Clinton Livingston was born in Pennsylvania Aug. 22, 1856, and came to this county with his parents in 1871. He was married to Miss Emma Kauffman of this county in 1884 and the sorrowing wife and four children, two boys and two girls from 4 to 12 years old, are left alone by his decease. He was the oldest child of G. F. Livingston and has three brothers and three sisters living. Mr. Livingston was a member of the Modern Woodmen and of the National Alliance Aid association and carried \$2,000 insurance in each organization. In his home and business life he was kind, upright and honored, winning the respect of all and deserving the love and confidence that those nearest reposed in him.

Funeral services at the house at 9 a. m. Friday, Rev. W. A. Crawford officiating, interment in Livingston cemetery.

Get your shaving and hair-cutting done at C. W. Holt's barber shop, corner of Broadway and Second street.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Great July Clearance Sale!

\$15,000 STOCK SUMMER CLOTHING!

G. C. STERL & CO.,

The Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

We will during this July inaugurate a great sweeping out sale of our Seasonable Suits, Pantaloon, Shirts, Underwear, thin Crash Suits and everything in our house. Now is the time to turn your attention to us and save money on every article you buy. See these prices:

Men's thin Coats 50c, 75c and 1.00.
 " Pantaloon 75c, 1.00 and 1 25.
 " Crash Suits 2.25, 2.75, 3.50.
 " all wool Pantaloon 2.50 to 3.50.
 " all wool Suits 6.50 to 8.50.
 " working Shirts at 25, 40 and 50c.
 " Overalls, best on earth, 50c.
 " cottonade Pants 75c, 1.00 and 1 25—world beaters.

Men's straw Hats 10 and 15c.
 " dress straw Hats 50c.
 " soft and stiff Hats, latest blocks, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00.
 Sterl & Co. are the reliable Hatters for central Kansas.
 You should not fail to see our famous working Shirts, Pantaloon, Overalls, Gloves and Shoes.

We could not go into detail too much about prices as we are too busy selling goods and have only given a few to show you how we are going to slaughter our goods during July. We want everybody to trade with us and we will make your dollars go farther here than elsewhere. On July 31st we give away a \$100.00 Fowler Bicycle. Come in and see it. Remember the great July Clearance Sale of \$15,000.00 stock Clothing, Hats, Shoes, etc. Come and celebrate July 5th with us. We will have plenty of ice water for everybody.

G. C. STERL & CO.

The Reliable Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

HIGH SCHOOL HELPED.

of \$615,000 valuation as follows:
 General fund, 15 mills.....\$ 9,225
 Bond fund 4 mills.....2,400
 \$11,625

DR. BLAYNEY WILL TEACH HALF OF EACH DAY.

Tax Levy of the School District Is Less Than Last Year—Considerable Business of Interest Transacted by the Board of Education.

The board of education met in regular session last evening, all members being present but Faulkner.

Minutes of June meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Hodge's bond of \$5000 was approved. Bills to amount of \$375 were allowed.

The amendment to the by-laws reported last month as follows was adopted: Pupils who fail in any one study and are promoted shall be required to make up and pass an examination in such study before Nov. 1st of following school year or forfeit the privilege of further promotion.

The teachers' committee took action on Superintendent Niesley's report of last month wherein he called attention to the inadequate teaching force at the high school and asked for more assistance. It has been difficult for the teachers of the high school to accomplish the work of this department and Mr. Niesley has been working to have better facilities for the coming year. On recommendation of the committee the board engaged Rev. Dr. Blayney to teach half of each day in the school at \$30 a month. Supt. Niesley will teach two classes and thus the work will be far better handled than before. Dr. Blayney's work is sure to add strength to this department.

The building and grounds committee reported that the Lincoln building needs repapering, doors in basement etc. The Garfield building walls are smoked from furnaces. The furnaces have been cleaned at a cost of \$37 but the walls should be cleaned and the lower rooms need kalsomining. The committee estimates that \$175 will be needed. E. Sutter was recommended to keep the clocks in order at \$10 a year. Report adopted.

A petition of J. Wurtz, who lives on the hill south of the river, asking that his 80 acre home be set out of the district, was granted and the board so voted. The tax levy was made on a basis

Base Ball Bulletin.

Topeka has signed the Minneapolis pitcher, Cochran. Manager McCabe says that a pitcher who can strike out twelve of the Abilene players is good enough for him. He probably has not seen the record of the games Mr. Cochran has played since he did that striking out.

The felicitations of Abilene sports that Roy Evans who pitched for the Louisvilles is the one who was with Emporia last year are entirely wasted. Evans was about the only twirler that demoralized Abilene's team last season. He struck out 11 men to Sommers' 5 and Abilene got only 6 hits off him to Emporia's 15 from Sommers. Evans is all right in Louisville, let him stay there.

It is just as well that Leavenworth did not come. Junction defeated it by 15-5 and 18-2. What Abilene wants is a team that is worth playing.

At Salina, Monday the scores were: Fort Riley 7, Salina 6; Fort Riley 3, Salina 8.

The Abilenes go to Topeka, tonight for three games with the Topeka Colts.

Closing Out Sale.

We are closing out at less than cost the Setzer & Cobun stock of Groceries. This is the time to lay in a good supply of Groceries.

JOHNTZ BROS.

Lost, a pocketbook on Sunday afternoon on Buckeye avenue between Hodge Bros. and Sixth street. Finder will be rewarded on return to this office.

RECENT REFLECTIONS.

—Marriage license: C. E. Wilson of Iowa and Annie Lou Finney of McPherson.

—B. F. Engle, formerly of this county, has been made manager of Junction City's creamery.

—The will of the late P. J. Byrne was admitted to probate. It leaves all his property to his wife, at her death to be divided among the children.

—It is understood that the reason Elmer Forney got hurt was that the Creamery company has become so used to having a cripple around that it could not do business otherwise.

—Dickinson county teachers are not only smart but they are up on Bible lore. One examination question was, "Who wrote the Psalm of Life?" and an applicant answered, "David."

—Mary Hornung has sued Jacob Hornung for 3 years, 2 months and 6 days wages, amounting to \$194.50. The defendant is the plaintiff's father and was sometime ago divorced from his wife.

—A. Matheny brought to this office a branch from a cherry tree on his lot on South Buckeye that is fairly loaded with fruit. It has never failed to bear generously since it was two years old.

—Will Matteson is the only real modest man in town. He furnished the REFLECTOR a list of Abilene's running team yesterday and omitted his own name. As a matter of fact Will was about half the team.

—An interesting story is told by F. M. Davis of Willowdale. He says that while sitting at the supper table last week the family saw a rabbit run into the garden. They watched and saw it come out with a mouse in its mouth. That is the best rabbit story yet.

—Minneapolis will never suffer for money, it keeps all it has at home. Last Saturday Ted Price won the foot race and was entitled to a \$3 prize. But it was just at train time and the man with the prize money made himself scarce until Price had left for home. Thus is Minneapolis \$3 richer.

Wanted, competent girl for general housework by Mrs. C. M. Harger, 107 West Third street.

ED'S EGYPTIAN BEAUTY.

The Manager Laughed and Edward Was Offended and Sad.

A new Ed Little story is told by the Kansas City Journal. It scarcely seems possible for we have always understood that Ed met nobody but duchesses and lords while he was at Cairo. But the story goes that while Ed Little was in Washington recently he attended a vitascope exhibition. One of the scenes was a family bathing party at Cape May. There were father, mother and several grown and nearly grown children, who were plunging one after the other from a low springboard into the surf. Ed watched the father, mother and several of the children take the plunge, and then he was knocked almost senseless when the figure of a beautiful 'girl' appeared. She was well known to him as the daughter of a cultured and wealthy New Yorker, who has spent most of his life in travel. He had formed her acquaintance while upon an excursion up the Nile in Egypt and it was under decidedly romantic circumstances, too, for he had plunged from the deck of the steamer one day when the party were bathing just in time to rescue her from a monster crocodile. Though pressed most cordially to call upon the family in New York, he had lost their address, and after the show was out in Washington he went around to the manager and inquired if the latter knew anything about the people whom he had just been representing upon the canvas. The manager laughed, which naturally made Mr. Little feel offended and angry.

Buckeye Primaries.

There will be a Republican primary held at central Buckeye July 15 between the hours of 4 and 6 p. m., for the purpose of nominating township officers and electing delegates to county convention. By order of COMMITTEE.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress. Utah Pioneer Jubilee, Salt Lake City, Utah. One fare, \$30, for round trip. Dates of sales: July 9th and 10, July 17 and 18th.

Epworth League International Convention, Toronto, Ontario, July 15-18. One fare, \$29.30, for round trip, July 12, 13 and 14.